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NSC BRIEFING

OFFSHORE ISLANDS

I. Tachens evacuation--which may wind up this weekend--thusfar uneventful. ChiComs have been cautious (in contrast their warning "serious consequences" would result from US "participation in Chiang's military operations").

A. Their naval vessels--operating in strength near Tachens before start evacuation--apparently withdrawn. Only ChiCom ships thusfar sighted--few torpedo-boats at sea 17 mi N of Tachens (6 Feb), some vessels anchored at nearby islands (7 Feb).

B. Their aircraft have not appeared in evacuation area.

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ported (8 Feb) that ChiCom high command had ordered its forces to "take no

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atmosphere calm, that clash with US
forces did not seem to be expected.

II. ChiComs have taken action in case of some
US overflights.

A. Peiping (7 Feb), citing overflights of
coastal islands, declared: "If US Air
Force ventures intrude into China's
territorial air again, US Govt must
bear all serious consequences..."

B. Same day, US jet fighters met AA fire
from ChiCom islands N of Tachens.

C. Navy carrier bomber downed by AA over
Sungmen Peninsula, 15 mi SW of Tachens
(9 Feb). Navy characterizes incident
"not hostile."

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but ChiCom preparations continue.

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- A. [REDACTED] airfield at Foochow reveals construction radio antenna fields there. Could be part of making Foochow field ready for operations. When completed, Foochow could stage air attacks on Matsus, Quemoy (also Formosa, Pescadores).
- B. Unusually heavy movement ChiCom vehicles and artillery noted on coast north of Quemoy 7 February. ChiComs may be repositioning or reinforcing artillery for renewed heavy shelling of Quemoy.

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